



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Akiko NIIMI

Group Art Unit: 2853

Application No.: 10/790,196

Examiner: L. NGUYEN

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A personal interview was held with Examiner Nguyen on November 20, 2006, and a telephone interview with Examiner Nguyen on November 21, 2006, with regard to the above-identified application. Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Nguyen at the interviews. The reasons presented at the interviews as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interviews.

During the personal interview, the distinguishing features of independent claim 1 with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,760,052 to Cummins et al. (Cummins) in view of JP 11066703A to Tanaka et al. (Tanaka) were discussed. The points presented parallel the arguments asserted in the Amendment filed on October 30, 2006.

Specifically, Applicant's representative argued that neither of the applied references teaches or suggests "a fixed side structure that supports the medium conveyance section and has a space formed therein for accommodating the medium conveyance section," wherein the

medium conveyance section projects partially from the side of the fixed sided structure at the second and third positions, as recited in independent claim 1.

Because the Examiner agreed during the telephone interview that the claim defines over Cummins and Tanaka, prompt allowance is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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